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SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT "TWEET ALONG"

SUFFOLK, VA (March 12, 2012) The Suffolk Police Department will be the first police department in the Hampton Roads region to host what is commonly called "tweet alongs" in the law enforcement community on Friday, March 16, 2012, starting at 6 p.m.

The purpose of the virtual ride along is to expose citizens to a snapshot of the officers' shifts and their various job assignments. "This will allow our citizens to get to know us and understand what our profession is like. This type of virtual ride along is being done nationwide, and we thought it was a great way to make our Department more accessible to the public," said Thomas Bennett, Suffolk Chief of Police.

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As part of their ongoing commitment to reducing traffic accidents, Suffolk Police have chosen a tweet along with traffic officer Eric Crawley. Officer Crawley will be looking for persons driving under the influence or violating other traffic laws. The officer will not only be tweeting about his traffic stops and calls for service through the shift, but also putting out driving safety tips.

In April, Suffolk Police will have a “tweet along” with a member of the downtown gang unit known as the NET, or Neighborhood Enforcement Team. “Tweet alongs” will be announced on their Facebook page and anyone who would like to join the tweet along would just need to be a follower of the Department on Twitter. Suffolk Police Department will try and offer these tweet alongs on a quarterly basis.

The Suffolk Police Department can be found on Twitter at www.twitter.com/SuffolkVaPD . Additionally, you can follow the Suffolk Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment .

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